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SUBJ: ABU RODEIS OIL

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1. IN CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 13 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, GOI ENERGY OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF THAT ONE ASPECT OF ABU RODEIS OIL HAD GENERALLY BEEN OVERLOOKED. THEY SAID THAT IF ABU RODEIS CRUDE WERE LOST TO ISRAEL, SAME AMOUNT OF PERSIAN GULF CRUDE WOULD NOT REPLACE IT. FACT IS, THEY SAID, ISRAEL WOULD NEED SOME 10-15 PERCENT MORE OF LIGHT IRANIAN CRUDE TO GET SAME AMOUNT OF HEAVY FUEL OIL NEEDED FOR ISRAELI POWER PLANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL USERS. ISRAEL HAS UNUSUALLY HIGH REQUIREMENT FOR HEAVY FUELS AND HEAVY, HIGH-SULPHUR ABU RODEIS CRUDE IS WELL SUITED TO ITS NEEDS. AT PRESENT, ABU RODEIS SUPPLIES APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF ISRAEL'S PETROLEUM IMPORTS AND EVERY BARREL IS CONSUMED IN ISRAEL.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT EARLIER REPORTS THAT ABU RODEIS OIL FIELD WOULD BE EXHAUSTED WITHIN 10 YEARS, THESE OFFICIALS SAID THAT NO ONE REALLY KNOWS HOW MUCH OIL IS IN THE ABU RODEIS AREA. THEY ARE INCLINED TO VIEW THAT THERE IS PROBABLY A GOOD DEAL MORE THERE THAN HAS
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YET BEEN FOUND. THEY REITERATE THAT BECAUSE OF CHAR-

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ACTERISTICS OF THIS CRUDE, ISRAEL IS NATURAL USER AND
"ASSUME" THAT WAY COULD BE FOUND FOR ISRAEL TO CONTINUE
TO GET THIS OIL IN EVENT FIELD IS RETURNED TO EGYPT.
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